

GROUP 1700 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

Peter Reimer, et al.

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For: Processing Apparatus

Having Integrated Pumping

System

Group Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: Richard R. Bueker

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 31, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 30, 2003, please enter this Response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Along with this Response, Applicant files a Petition for One Month Extension of Time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/2981.P1/BTP in the amount of \$110.00 (in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17(a)), and any amount for extension fees or excess claim fees required to make this Response timely and acceptable to the Office.